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TOPIC	Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield		
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1. In early March 1953, about the time when another shipment of MiG-15s arrived at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield, a radio installation with one mast was being set up about 100 meters south of the Erfurt-Bindersleben highway and about 100 meters south of the former officer billets. A radio truck with a seven-section directional antenna was seen south of the installation.¹ The AAA emplacement was still occupied by 6x37-mm guns. 25X1
2. During the afternoon of 10 March, MiG-15s practiced flying in formations of two. Steep banks were particularly noted. About 6 p.m., a Po-2 landed at the field. The weather was fair. At 10:30 a.m. on 11 March, six MiG-15s flew over Erfurt. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., flying in formations of two was practiced at the field. At 3:10 p.m. 12 MiG-15s were parked in the eastern portion of the field. About 100 meters south of the planes several tank trucks, a radio truck and two other motor vehicles were observed. At 3:30 p.m., a Po-2 took off for a local training flight. Another Po-2, which took off at 4 p.m., headed east. The weather was fair. About noon on 14 March, a MiG-15 was seen towing an air sleeve.² 25X1
3. On 13 March, an inner low frequency approach beacon north of Peterborn, about 500 meters from the airfield boundary. A four-wire telephone line extended from this radio installation to the airfield. motor vehicle was standing near the beacon. 25X1
4. The afternoon of 14 March, sounds apparently produced by blasting operations were heard from the northern boundary of the field. At 5 p.m., 20 to 25 men were seen there. At 4 p.m. on 16 March, excavation work was noticed on this site, which appeared to be guarded. Work on the construction of the fence along the eastern border of the installation continued between 10 and 13 March. 25X1
5. Trucks were observed at the field. 25X1

1. Comment a RUS-II type radar set had been observed at the field

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Observations [redacted] indicated that the MiG-15s which landed at the field on 8 March, probably belonged to a fighter unit previously stationed in Grossenhain. It is possible that this unit moved to Erfurt-Bindersleben only for training purposes. The alert unit of four to six MiG-15s which is believed to belong to the fighter division in Merseburg is still stationed at the field.

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